GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:399
ANSWERED ON:20.08.2001
SETTING UP OF REGIONAL CENTRES FOR PROMOTION OF SPORTS
C. SREENIVAASAN

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to set up more regional centres for the promotion of sports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government have also devised any action plan to check the growing incidence of use of drugs by the sports-persons to enhance their ability;

(d) if so, the details of punishments to be awarded to such sports persons who use drugs to enhance their sporting ability; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SUSHREE UMA BHARTI)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.399 FOR 20.8 REGARDING SETTING UP OF REGIONAL CENTRES FOR PROMOTION OF SPORTS ASKED BY SHRI C. SREENIVSAN.

(a) & (b): No, Sir.

(c) With a view to check the use of drugs in sports, the Ministry has taken the following steps:-

(1) It has been decided in pursuance of the recent order of the Hon`ble Delhi High Court to set up a Committee consisting of the representatives of the Central Government, the Indian Olympic Association and Sports Authority of India to work out the modalities and measures to prevent drug abuse.

(2) The Sports Authority of India (SAI) is seeking accreditation of SAI Laboratory from the Medical Commission of the Internationa Olympic Committee. It is expected that our Laboratory will soon be accredited.

(3) The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has written to all National Sports Federations that they should give an undertaking that dope test will be conducted as per the norms laid down by the International Federations of the concerned disciplines while submitting proposals for financial assistance.

(4) The Ministry has also amended the provision of its scheme for assistance to National Sports Federations making it obligatory for federations to ensure that Dope Test for all its players is conducted regularly as per the norms/standards laid down by the International Federation of the concerned discipline.

(5) The Sports Authority of India has requested the Indian Olympic Association to frame a policy to be implemented by all the National Sports Federations regarding sanctions to be imposed on such sports persons who test `Positive` in respect of any IOC banned class of drugs.

(d) & (e): Dope tests are conducted by SAI Laboratory on the request of the concerned National Sports Federations/Associations either during competitions or random tests during training. In the absence of accreditation of the Laboratory, the results so received can only be treated as indicative. The results of tests were forwarded to the concerned Federations for further action as per laid down norms of their respective International Federations as per the IOC Manual.